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SUBJ: EL-ZAYYAT'S TV COMMENTS ON PALESTINE STATE

REF: COPENHAGEN 1436, CAIRO 1870

EL-ZAYYAT MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON PALESTINE STATE IN COURSE  
OF TV INTERVIEW JUNE 19:

1. " OUR BORDERS ARE VERY WELL KNOWN. THEY HAVE BEEN KNOWN FOR  
4000 YEARS. I DONT THINK ANYONE CONTEND OUR BORDERS. THE BORDERS  
OF ALL PALESTINE WITH ITS NEIGHBORS, THAT IS, SAY, LEBANON, SYRIA,  
EGYPT, TRANSJORDAN, ARE ALSO KNOWN. WHAT IS, PERHAPS, HAS  
BEEN IN CONTENTION, ARE THE BORDERS OF ISRAEL. ISRAEL HAVE NOT  
TOLD US WHAT ARE THE BORDERS OF ISRAEL. THE DECLARATION OF INDE-  
PENDENCE OF ISRAEL IS MISSING...

THERE IS NOTHING ABOUT THE BORDERS. INTENTIONALLY SO.

AND UNTIL NOW, THEY DONT TELL ANYONE WHAT ARE THEIR BORDERS.

HOWEVER, THE BORDERS FOR PALESTINE ARE KNOWN, AND THE BORDERS  
FOR THE PARTITION OF PALESTINE INTO ISRAEL AND AN ARAB PALESTIN-  
IAN STATE, ARE ALSO KNOWN, FROM THE PARTITIONING PLAN... RESOLUTION  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN 1947. THIS IS THE BASIS

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ON WHICH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS RECOGNIZED ISRAEL.  
IT IS THE BASIS ON WHICH USSR HAS RECOGNIZED ISRAEL.  
I VERY MUCH ALSO THINK THAT IT IS THE BASIS ON WHICH YOU HAVE  
RECOGNIZED ISRAEL."....

2. Q. HOW COULD YOU CONCEIVE OF SUCH A SOLUTION A LONG...  
AS PART OF A LONG- TERM SOLUTION?

A. " WELL, FOR EXAMPLE, ISRAEL EXISTS IN PALESTINE.  
RIGHT? IT DOES NOT EXIST IN... IN... IN... IN DENMARK.  
AND THEREFORE, INSIDE PALESTINE WHICH HAS INTERNATIONALLY RECOG-  
NIZED, AGREED BORDERS FOR CENTURIES, THE PARTITION OF PALESTINE  
MUST BE WHERE THE BORDERS, SECURE, GUARANTEED AND RECOGNIZED FOR  
ISRAEL MUST EXIST. IT CANNOT EXIST IN EGYPT. RIGHT?"

Q. NOW, PART OF THIS BORDER PROBLEM IS THE PROBLEM OF THE PALESTIN-  
IAN ARABS.

A. " YES"

Q. WHAT' S YOUR.. YOUR VIEW ON THAT?

A. " MY VIEW IS THAT NO ONE IS GOING TO BE FAIR OR REASONABLE IF  
HE ASKS FOR HIMSELF FOR THINGS WHICH HE HAS NOT ASKED FOR THE  
OTHERS. AND IF THE ISRAELIS ASK FOR THE RIGHT TO LIVE IN PEACE  
WITH RECOGNIZED SECURE BORDERS, THEY MUST ASK ALSO FOR THE  
PALESTIN-  
IANS TO HAVE THE SAME RIGHTS. THERE ARE TWO AND A HALF MILLION  
ISRAELIS NOW IN PALESTINE. EVEN IF WE (?) DONT LIKE THEM, WE

(?) CANNOT WISH THEM AWAY, WE (?) CANNOT SAY THEY DONT EXIST.  
THERE ARE TWO AND A HALF MILLION PALESTINIANS IN PALESTINE AND  
SCATTERED ALL OVER THE WORLD. EVEN IF ISRAEL DONT LIKE THEM,  
THEY CANNOT WISH THEM AWAY. IT IS FOOLISH TO SAY THEY DONT EXIST.  
AND WE HAVE BEEN TOLD REPEATEDLY THAT THERE IS A PLACE IN PALESTINE  
WHICH IS ... CAN TAKE THEM ALL. LET US PUT THIS TO THE TEST."

Q. WHERE COULD THEY BE?

A. " IN PALESTINE, OF COURSE"

Q. ON THE WEST BANK OF THE RIVER?

A. " NO, NO, NO. -?-?-?-?. THE ISRAELIS WANTED ANSWER (?)  
TO HAVE SOME CONTRADICTIONS BETWEEN EGYPT AND JORDAN. WE HAVE IN  
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PALESTINE GAZA FOR EXAMPLE. AND WE HAVE THERE ABOUT... I DONT  
KNOW HOW MANY HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE. WE HAVE IN  
LEBANON  
PALESTINIANS. I DONT KNOW IF YOU HAVE SOME HERE, OR NOT. DO THESE  
PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT TO LIVE IN PEACE WITH SECURED BORDERS, OR NOT?"

Q. BUT WHAT IS PALSTINE, TO YOUR OPINION? BECAUSE YOU HAVE  
MENTINED PALESTINE. WHERE SHOULD THEY BE? THEY MUST BE SOMEWHERE.  
THEY CANT ALL BE IN GAZA.

A. " WELL, THEY CAN... THEY CAN-?-?-?- THE... THEY AGREE ON THIS  
WILL BE ISRAELIS -/-?-?-?-?- AT NEGOTIATIONS THIS IS THE  
VALID (?) -?-?-?-?- FOR THE ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS... NEGO-  
TIATORS."

Q. BUT IF THE PALESTINIANS...

A. "-?-?-?-?-.

LET ME SAY NOW, IM NOT A SPOKESMAN FOR PALESTINE. I AM ON OFFICIAL  
VISIT (?) AS FOREIGN MINISTER OF EGYPT, AND I AM READY TO ASK AND  
ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS FOR EGYPT. IF YOUWANT TO KNOW WHAT THE PALES-  
TINIANS WANT, I THINK ITS ABOUT TIME TO RECOGNIZE THEY EXIST AND  
ASK THEM."...

3. Q. BUT IF THE PALESTINIAN ARABS COULD AGREE BETWEEN THEMSELVES  
ON SETTING UP A SEPARATE STATE...

A. " YES."

Q. "... COULD YOU AS AN EGYPTIAN STATE ACCEPT THAT?

A. " WE WILL ACCEPT ANYTHING THEY AGREE UPON, AS YOU SAY.  
WE THINK THAT THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO DECIDE ON THEIR DESTINY."  
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Q. BUT YOU... YOU HVE OFTEN SAID...

A. "-?-?-?-?-?-

Q. BUT EGYPT HAS OFTEN SAID THAT THE ... THERE MUST BE A JUST SOLUTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, IF YOURE GOING TO ACCEPT A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. AND IN THESE... IN THIS TERM " JUST SOLUTION", EGYPT HAS OFTEN INTERPRETED THAT THERE MUST BE FOUND A JUST SOLUTION FOR THE PALESTINIANS AS WELL.

A. " YES"

Q. SO THAT MEANS YOU... IN A WAY, YOU ARE A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PALESTINIANS, OR...

A. " CERTAINLY. I SAID WE WILL SUPPORT.. I TOLD YOU RIGHT NOW THAT IF YOU ARE GOING TO ACCEPT A PRINCIPLE, YOU MUST ASK AND ACCEPT THAT THIS BE APPLICABLE TO ALL. YOU CANNOT SAY I WANT ONLY FOR THE THE PRINCIPLE OF NON- ACQUISITON OF TERRITORY BY FORCE. YOU UST GIVE IT TO US. BUT YOU MUST... YOU CANNOT SAY THAT YOU ACCEPT THAT THE PEOPLE CAN LIVE IN PEACE, FREE FROM WAR OR THE THREAT OF WAR OR FORMS OF THREAT OF WAR. YOU MUST GIVE THE PALES-  
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TINIANS ALSO."

Q. BUT WOULD YOU AGREE THERE IS A ... AN AREA, A CONFLICT ANYWAY, BETWEEN JORDAN AND THE PALESTINIANS, BECAUSE THEY ARE AFTER MUCH OF THE SAME LAND?

A. " NO. BECAUSE JORDAN NEVER SAID REALLY THEY WANT TO TAKE THIS AGAINST THE WILL OF THE PALESTINIANS. THEY SAID IT WOULD BE, THEY THINK, THE PALESTINIANS' WILL TO DO SO. I DONT KNOW WHEN AND ... OF IF EVER YOU ARE GOING TO DECIDE TO JOIN SWEDEN IN ONE COUNTRY.

I CAN SEE FROM HER ACROSS THE SOUND THAT I CAN SEE SWEDEN. BUT IF YOU DO THAT, IT WOULD NOT BE BECAUSE SOMEONE IS.. IS DEPRIVING YOU OF SOVEREIGNTY. IT WOULD BE BECAUSE YOU ARE EXERCISING YOUR OWN SOVEREIGNTY. NOW, IF THE PALESTINIANS WANT TO JOIN ISRAEL, OR WANT TO JOIN EGYPT, OR WANT TO JOIN JORDAN, IT IS THEIR RIGHT. IF THEY WANT TO JOIN LIBYA, IT IS ALL RIGHT."

Q. BUT WHAT IS A JUST SOLUTION TO THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM?

A. " THAT THEY SHOULD GIVE FREELY THEIR WISH AND THAT THIS SHOULD BE RESPECTED WITHIN THE LAW."

Q. BUT-?-?- THEIR WISH IS... IS TO... GET RID OF ISRAEL, AND THEN  
ITS NOT A SOLUTION, BECAUSE...

A. " NO, NO. BECAUSE THIS WISH... THAT... THATS WHY I SAID YOU MUST  
( ?) LIVE WITH THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS CHARTER AND ITS RESOLUT-  
IONS. THE UNITED NATIONS HAS PASSED UNTIL NOW 25 RESOLUTIONS ON THE  
PALESTINIAN PROBLEM. IT HAS GIVE THEM THE RIGHT OF CHOICE OF  
GOING BACK TO THEIR HOMES OR TAKING COMPENSATION AND GOING  
SOMEWHERE ELSE OR LIVING IN THE ARABPART OF PALESTINE.  
IT DID NOT GIVE THEM OTHER CHOICES. SO WHAT I WANT TO SAY: THIS JUST  
SOLUTION WITHIN UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS".

Q. THIS MEANS THAT IN OTHER WORDS YOU COULD ACCEPT A SEPARATE STATE  
FOR THE PALESTINIAN ARABS IF THEY DECIDED TO SET UP A STATE?

A. " YES, AND I HOPE YOU WILL DO THAT, TOO."  
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